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THE SAME, AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING SYNTHETIC  
QUARTZ GLASS POWDER USING THE POROUS SILICA  
GRANULE

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Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.56 and § 1.97(b), applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the references listed below:

U.S. Patent No. 5,979,186 and Abstracts of JP-A-Hei7-17706 and JP-A-Hei11-130417.

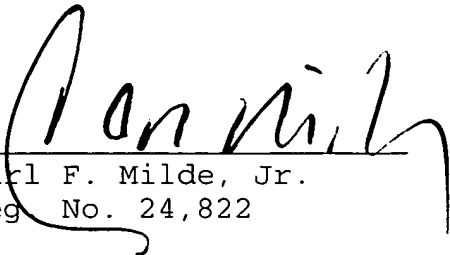
Copies of these references are submitted herewith along with Form PTO-1449.

These references have been cited and described in the "Background of the Invention" portion of the application.

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